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### MINNESOTA'S APRIL MILK OUTPUT UP 1.3 PERCENT

April 2012 milk production totaled 770 million pounds in Minnesota, up 1.3 percent from the 760 million pounds produced in April 2011, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised March 2012 milk output was 793 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,655 pounds in April 2012, up 35 pounds from last April. The revised March 2012 rate was 1,705 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during April 2012 was 465,000 head, unchanged from the March 2012 number, but down 4,000 head from one year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first four months of 2012 was 3.07 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the same period a year ago.

### APRIL MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.3 PERCENT

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from April 2011. March revised production, at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from March 2011. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,875 pounds for April, 40 pounds above April 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.53 million head, 94,000 head more than April 2011, and 4,000 more than March 2012.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major States for the first four months of 2012 was 63.4 billion pounds, up 4.8 percent from the same period a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Apr 2011	Mar 2012 Rev.	Apr 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012 Rev.	Apr 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012 Rev.	Apr 2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,764	1,785	1,787	1,995	2,130	2,030	3,519	3,802	3,628	103.1
ID	576	580	577	1,870	1,940	1,920	1,077	1,125	1,108	102.9
<b>MN</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>101.3</b>
NY	610	610	610	1,770	1,865	1,835	1,080	1,138	1,119	103.6
PA	543	540	538	1,690	1,710	1,690	918	923	909	99.0
WI	1,266	1,269	1,270	1,730	1,835	1,785	2,190	2,329	2,267	103.5
23 States	8,431	8,521	8,525	1,835	1,930	1,875	15,475	16,447	15,983	103.3

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